

## State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Maine represented 27 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 26 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
<b>Forest-based Industry*</b>	\$624,906	14,010
<b>Total Manufacturing</b>	\$2,321,374	54,438

Source: Census Bureau 2006

\* Forest-Based Industries consists of all industries that use wood as a part of the finished product.

## Project Spotlight

During the last 4 years of the Wood Education and Resource Center's activities, the Center provided \$367,349 that was matched with \$741,099 from partners for six projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

### Project Title:

The Keys to Independent Logging Success



WOOD EDUCATION  
AND RESOURCE CENTER

The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. WERC's mission is to facilitate

networking and information exchange with the forest products industry, in order to enhance opportunities that sustain forest products production. WERC's programs support managerial and technical innovation that keep businesses competitive, and provide state-of-the-art training, technology transfer, and applied research. The center consists of offices, training facilities, and a rough mill in Princeton, WV, and serves the 35 States in the eastern hardwood region of the United States.

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The project will provide professional business training for Maine loggers. Its focus will be on developing a business development curriculum that will provide relevant, practical, and useful training for loggers that will enable them to successfully manage their businesses. The training program will be a means by which logging professionals can access working capital to invest in technology. It will assist loggers in maintaining a competitive advantage in a global marketplace. The program can be replicated by other states across the nation.

Detailed information about these projects can be found at the WERC website location: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/projects.shtm>.



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